

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate characterized by having, comprising:~~

a polycarbonate resin; and

100 to 500 ppm of a releasing agent;

wherein said polycarbonate resin composition has a viscosity average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 17,000, an iron content of 0.2 ppm or less and a fraction of hydroxyl end groups of less than 7% by mole, ~~and containing from 100 to 500 ppm of a releasing agent.~~

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in claim 16, which ~~contains~~ comprises from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in claim 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in claim 18, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): An optical disk substrate, comprising:
a the polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in ~~any~~
~~of claims claim 16 to 19.~~

Claim 21 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 17,
wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 22 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 21,
wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 23 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 16,
wherein said polycarbonate resin is obtained from a purified dihydric phenol,
said purified dihydric phenol being obtained by washing an adduct of the dihydric
phenol and phenol with a purified phenol to obtain a washed adduct, and decomposing said
washed adduct into phenol and said purified dihydric phenol used to produce the
polycarbonate resin.

Claim 24 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 16,
further comprising:
20 to 100 ppm of a phosphorous antioxidant.

Claim 25 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 23,
wherein said dihydric phenol used for obtaining the polycarbonate resin is bisphenol A.

Claim 26 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 20, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 27 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 26, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 28 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 20, wherein said polycarbonate resin composition further comprises
20 to 100 ppm of a phosphorous antioxidant.

Claim 29 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 20, which comprises from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 30 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 20, wherein said polycarbonate resin is obtained from a purified dihydric phenol,
said purified dihydric phenol being obtained by washing an adduct of the dihydric phenol and phenol with a purified phenol to obtain a washed adduct, and decomposing said washed adduct into phenol and said purified dihydric phenol used to produce the polycarbonate resin.

Claim 31 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 30, wherein said dihydric phenol used for obtaining the polycarbonate resin is bisphenol A.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-15 have been canceled.

The amendment of Claim 16 is supported at page 45, 1st full paragraph.

New Claims 21-31 have been added.

New Claims 21 and 26 are supported by Claim 18 as originally filed.

New Claims 22 and 27 are supported by Claim 19 as originally filed.

New Claims 23 and 30 are supported at page 45, 2nd full paragraph.

New Claims 24 and 28 are supported at page 44, 4th full paragraph.

New Claims 25 and 31 are supported at page 45, 2nd full paragraph.

New Claim 29 is supported by Claim 17 as originally filed.

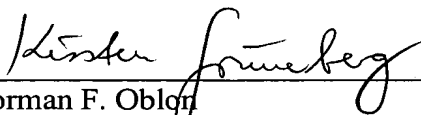
No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 16-31 will now be active in this application.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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